



2 1ST MEETING OF THE BALKAN CLINICAL LABORATORY FEDERATION

**1ST MONTENEGRIAN CONFERENCE OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY
AND LABORATORY MEDICINE**

BCLF 2013

**SEPTEMBER 25-28, 2013,
BUDVA, MONTENEGRO
AVALA RESORT AND VILAS**

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

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21ST BCLF MEETING

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY
AND LABORATORY MEDICINE (IFCC)
EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE (EFCC)
BALKAN CLINICAL LABORATORY FEDERATION (BCLF)
MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF MONTENEGRO



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MONTENEGRIAN ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY
AND LABORATORY MEDICINE (MACC)
CENTER FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC
CLINICAL CENTER OF MONTENEGRO

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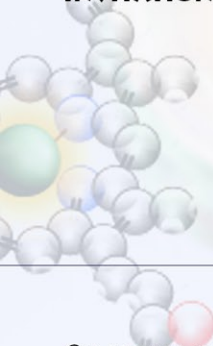
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INVITATION



ON BEHALF OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND MONTENEGRIAN ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE, IT'S MY GREAT PLEASURE AND HONOR TO INVITE ALL OF YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT 21ST MEETING OF BALKAN CLINICAL LABORATORY FEDERATION AND FIRST MONTENEGRIAN CONFERENCE OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 25TH- 28TH 2013 IN BUDVA, MONTENEGRO.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT OUR SOCIETY ALONE IS ORGANIZER OF SUCH IMPORTANT EVENT AND GREAT TASKS FOR US WILL BE TO FULFILL THE EXPECTATIONS AFTER WELL REMEMBERED MEETING IN BUDVA IN 1996, AND TO MAKE NEXT BCLF2013 A SUCCESS REGARDING SCIENTIFIC AND SOCIAL PROGRAM. WE WILL MAKE AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE A BROAD RANGE OF TOPICS WITH INTERESTING LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS, EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES AND OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN OUR FRIENDSHIP CONNECTIONS.

BUDVA RIVIERA IS LOCATED IN THE HEART OF MONTENEGRIAN ADRIATIC COAST AND PROOF THAT EXOTIC LANDSCAPES DO NOT ALWAYS HAVE TO BE FAR AWAY AND DIFFICULT TO APPROACH. IT IS ONE OF THE MOST VISITED DESTINATIONS ON THE ADRIATIC BECAUSE IT LIES IN THE UNIQUE BEAUTY OF THE SUN, SEA AND STRING OF PEARL BEACHES IN THE FOOT OF TOWERING MOUNTAINS. ONE MORE THING THAT GIVES A SPECIAL CHARM TO THIS PLACE IS NEARNESS OF BOKA KOTORSKA WHICH IS ON THE LIST OF UNESCO AND ACCEPTED IN THE CLUB OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WORLD BAYS.

WITH MILD CLIMATE, SANDY BEACHES THAT STRETCH OVER 11 KM, WASTE CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ARCHITECTURE BUDVA PROVIDE IDEAL BACKGROUND FOR AN EXCITING SOCIAL PROGRAM.

WE HOPE THAT SPECIALIST IN FIELD OF LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC FROM ALL THE BALKAN REGION AS WELL AS FROM OTHER EUROPEAN STATES WILL ACCEPT OUR INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN 21ST BCLF MEETING AND FIRST MONTENEGRIAN CONFERENCE OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE.

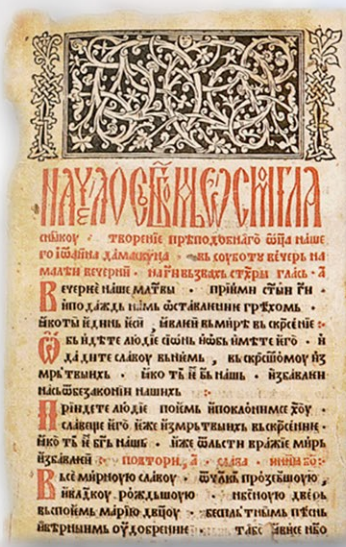
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOME YOU IN BUDVA, MONTENEGRO.

NAJDANA GLIGOROVIĆ BARHANOVIĆ
PRESIDENT OF MONTENEGRIAN ASSOCIATION
OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY
AND LABORATORY MEDICINE



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS ARE KINDLY INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR ABSTRACTS FOR THE 21ST BCLF AND 1ST MONTENEGRIAN CONFERENCE OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE.

PRESENTATION OF FREE COMMUNICATIONS IS PREDOMINANTLY BY POSTER. A LIMITED NUMBER OF POSTER ABSTRACTS WILL BE SELECTED FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS DURING THE CONGRESS SYMPOSIA. AUTHORS WHO AGREE TO PRESENT THEIR WORK AS ORAL PRESENTATION SHOULD MARK THE APPROPRIATE FIELD ON THE ON-LINE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM. AUTHORS WHOSE ABSTRACTS WERE SELECTED FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS, SHOULD PREPARE BOTH, THE POSTER AND POWERPOINT PRESENTATION FOR SHORT ORAL COMMUNICATION (MAX. 10 MINUTES).

ABSTRACTS CAN BE SUBMITTED ON ALL FIELDS OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY, HEMATOLOGY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE IN THE BROADER SENSE. YOU CAN FIND A SPECIFIED TOPIC LIST IN THIS BROCHURE WHICH IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION SITE.

ABSTRACTS CAN BE SUBMITTED BY THE INTERNET ONLY TO: WWW.BCLF2013.ORG

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC TOPICS

ALLERGY	MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTIC
AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES	NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES AND MARKERS
BIOCHEMICAL MARKERS OF CARDIAC DISEASES	PEDIATRIC LABORATORY MEDICINE
BONE AND JOINT DISEASES	POINT-OF-CARE TESTING
CANCER/ TUMOR MARKERS	PREANALYTICAL VARIABLES
DIABETES MELLITUS AND METABOLIC SYNDROME	PREGNANCY AND PRENATAL TESTING
EDUCATION OF SPECIALIST IN LABORATORY MEDICINE	PROTEINS AND PROTEOMICS
EVIDENCE-BASED LABORATORY MEDICINE	QUALITY ASSESSMENT, STANDARDIZATION, TRACEABILITY AND ACCREDITATION
GENETIC DISEASES	RENAL DISEASES AND TRANSPLANTATION
HEMATOLOGY AND HAEMOSTASIS	TECHNOLOGY, INSTRUMENTATION AND METHOD EVALUATIONS
LABORATORY ENDOCRINOLOGY	TOXICOLOGY AND THERAPEUTIC DRUG MONITORING
LABORATORY ERRORS AND PATIENT SAFETY	TRACE ELEMENTS
LABORATORY MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	VITAMINS AND NUTRITION
MARKERS OF LIVER AND GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASES	VARIA

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ABSTRACT

- PRESENTATIONS TITLE
- DETAILED INFO ABOUT AUTHOR AND COAUTHORS (TITLES, NAMES, INSTITUTIONS ETC.)
- THE TEXT MUST BE CLEAR, CONCISE AND WRITTEN IN PROPER ENGLISH;
- ABSTRACTS SHOULD BE STRUCTURED AND MUST INCLUDE: BRIEF INTRODUCTION, DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODOLOGY USED, RESULTS, CONCLUSIONS
- THE BODY OF THE ABSTRACT SHOULD NOT EXCEED 250 WORDS
- ABSTRACT HAS TO BE UPLOAD ON REGISTRATION FORM PAGE.

POSTERS

REQUIRED POSTER SIZE IS 70 X 100 CM.

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS JUNE 15, 2013

AUTHORS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF THEIR ABSTRACTS BY AUGUST 1, 2013.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2013.

12:00 REGISTRATION

18:00 - 21:00 OPENING CEREMONY

WELCOME ADDRESSES

OPENING LECTURE

DIGITAL DARWIN - THE NEW RULES OF MANAGEMENT IN THE SOCIAL MEDIA ERA
VELIMIR VULIĆ (MONTENEGRO)

CULTURAL EVENT

WELCOME RECEPTION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2013.

9:00 - 9:30 PLENARY LECTURE

ACHIEVING RESULT EQUIVALENCE IN THE HETEROGENEOUS BIOMARKER MEASUREMENT: THE WAY FORWARD?
MAURO PANTEGHINI (ITALY)

9:30 - 11:30 SESSION 1

PRENATAL SCREENING

INTEGRATION OF LABORATORY AND CLINICAL GENETICS INTO FULFILLMENT OF SUCCESSFUL PROCREATION
OLIVERA MILJANOVIĆ (MONTENEGRO)

FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN FIRST TRIMESTER ANEUPLOIDY SCREENING
KEVIN SPENCER (UK)

ULTRASOUND AND BIOCHEMISTRY SCREENING - POSSIBILITIES AND LIMITATIONS
SNEZANA CRNOGORAC (MONTENEGRO)

PRENATAL SCREENING FOR CHROMOSOMAL ABNORMALITIES. WHERE DO WE STAND TODAY?
DEMETRIOS RIZOS (GREECE)

DISCUSSION

11:30 - 12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 - 13:00 SESSION 2

ESEAP-THE GREEK PROFICIENCY TESTING SCHEME FOR CLINICAL LABORATORIES AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF LABORATORY TEST QUALITY
ALEXANDER HALIASOS (GREECE)

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

PERFORMANCE OF TOTAL TESTING PROCESS AND SIGMA CALCULATIONS IN A CLINICAL LABORATORY
DILER ASLAN (TURKEY)

DISTRIBUTION AND CORRELATES OF ADIPOSE TISSUES FATTY ACIDS AMONG ALBANIAN ADULT POPULATION
IRIS MONE (ALBANIA)

DISCUSSION

13:00 - 14:00 COMMERCIAL WORKSHOPS

14:00 - 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

15:00 - 15:30 PLENARY LECTURE

THE NEW EUROPEAN DIRECTIVE FOR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: COMMON TRAINING FRAMEWORKS
SIMONE ZERAH (FRANCE)

15:30 - 17:00 SESSION 3

PROGNOSTIC VALUE OF BIOMARKERS IN ST-ELEVATION MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION PATIENTS
SANJA STANKOVIĆ (SERBIA)

HEART FAILURE AND GALECTIN-3
ANNA TZTACHEVA (BULGARIA)

BIOCHEMICAL MARKERS AS RISK FACTORS IN PATIENTS WITH STENOSIS BEFORE AND AFTER PCI
SNEZANA PANTOVIĆ (MONTENEGRO)

ASSOCIATION OF RETINOL BINDING PROTEIN-4 WITH MARKERS OF KIDNEY FUNCTION IN TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS
ALEKSANDRA KLISIĆ (MONTENEGRO)

DISCUSSION

17:00 - 17:30 COFFEE BREAK

17:30 - 18:30 SESSION 4

HIGH URIC ACID AND LOW SUPEROXIDE DISMUTASE AS POSSIBLE PREDICTORS OF ALL-CAUSE AND CARDIOVASCULAR MORTALITY IN HEMODIALYSIS PATIENTS
TANJA ANTUNOVIĆ (MONTENEGRO)

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

β-TRACE PROTEIN AS A MARKER OF RENAL DYSFUNCTION IN PATIENTS WITH CRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE: COMPARISON WITH OTHER RENAL MARKERS
MARIJANA DAJAK (SERBIA)

INFLUENCE OF ANTIOXIDATIVE GENE POLYMORPHISM ON IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE THERAPY EFFECT IN PATIENTS WITH KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION
TATJANA CVETKOVIĆ (SERBIA)

DISCUSSION

18:00 - 19:30 BCLF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013.

9:00 - 9:30 PLENARY LECTURE

DEGENERATIVE DISEASES OF BRAIN AS PROTEIN DISEASES ("PROTEINOPATHIES")
VLADIMIR KOSTIĆ (SERBIA)

9:30 - 11:30 SESSION 5

BIOMARKERS OF DEMENTIA IN BLOOD AND CEREBROSPINAL FLUID
IVANKA MARKOVIĆ (SERBIA)

PERIPHERAL NERVOUS STIMULATION ENHANCES THE SELECTIVITY OF ELECTRO-CHEMICAL PROSTHESIS IN CASE OF THE COMPLETE SPINAL CORD TRANSECTION IN RAT MODEL
STANIŠA RASPOPOVIĆ (SWITZERLAND)

THE MICRORNA UNIVERSE - CLINICAL LABORATORY EVALUATION
RADU IFTIMOVICI (ROMANIA)

DETECTION OF C282Y/H63D COMPOUND HETEROZYGOTE MUTATION IN TWO PATIENTS WITH ALTERED LIVER FUNCTION AND IRON OVERLOAD: CASE PRESENTATION OF HEREDITARY HEMOCHROMATOSIS
MUTAY ASLAN (TURKEY)

DISCUSSION

11:30 - 12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 - 13:00 SESSION 6

GLYCATED HAEMOGLOBIN: NEW ASPECTS AND COMPARISON OF METHODS
YANNIS S. SDRANIS (GREECE)

ORAL PRESENTATION

CARDINAL PLACE OF GLUCOSE 6-PHOSPHATE DEHYDROGENASE AND GLUTATHIONE REDUCTASE
N. NURAY ULUSU (TURKEY)

SHBG AND POLYCYSTIC OVARY SYNDROM
GEORGIOS S KOLIOS (GREECE)

DISCUSSION

13:00 - 14:00 COMMERCIAL WORKSHOPS

14:00 - 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

15:00 - 17:00 SESSION 7

NEONATAL THYROID-STIMULATING HORMONE AS INDICATOR FOR IODINE DEFICIENCY
NAJANA GLIGOROVIC BARHANOVIC (MONTENEGRO)

ORAL PRESENTATION

NITRIC OXID AND SCHIZOPHRENIA
VLADIMIR DJORDJEVIC (SERBIA)

DEPURINISED MILK-EPIGENETIC EFFECT ON REGENERATIVE AND ANTIAPOTOTIC POTENTIAL
GORDANA KOCIĆ (SERBIA)

DIAGNOSTIC VALUE OF SERUM PROCALCITONIN LEVELS IN PATIENT WITH SEPSIS: A COMPARISON WITH C-REACTIVE PROTEIN
ANILA LIKA (ALBANIA)

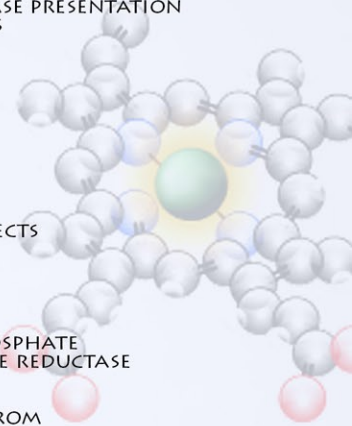
ADAPTIVE-TYPE COMPLEX SANGUINE REACTIONS OCCURRING IN AERONAUTICAL PERSONNEL
SIMONA BERBECAR (ROMANIA)

ANTI-CARCINOGENIC EFFECT OF O-COUMARIC ACID IN HUMAN BREAST CANCER CELL LINE
ALAATTIN SEN (TURKEY)

DISCUSSION

17:00 - 17:30 CLOSING CEREMONY

20:00 GET TOGETHER PARTY



GENERAL INFORMATION

DATE AND VENUE

THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM AND EXHIBITION OF THE BCLF 2013 BUDVA MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE AVALA RESORT AND VILLAS IN BUDVA, MONTENEGRO ON SEPTEMBER, 25. – 28. 2013.

IMPORTANT DATES

ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM MARCH 15, 2013. – JUNE 15, 2013.
ABSTRACT NOTIFICATION INFORMATION AUGUST 1, 2013.

REGISTRATION DESK

REGISTRATION DESK LOCATED AT AVALA RESORT AND VILAS WILL BE OPEN FOR THE DURATION OF THE SYMPOSIUM, FROM WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2013. 12:00 PM.

FULL REGISTRATION FEE: €150.00

REGISTRATION FEES MAY BE PAID IN EUROS, BY BANK TRANSFERS.

THE REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

- ADMISSION TO ALL SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS
- ADMISSION TO EXHIBITION
- CONGRESS MATERIAL (PROGRAM, ABSTRACT BOOK, CONGRESS BAG, BADGE, ETC.)
- COFFEE BREAKS
- GET TOGETHER PARTY
- CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

BADGES

BADGES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE REGISTRATION DESK UPON REGISTRATION. PLEASE ATTACH YOUR BADGES FOR ADMISSION TO ALL SCIENTIFIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION WILL BE ISSUED TO THOSE WHO ARE PROPERLY REGISTERED.

CONGRESS LANGUAGE

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE CONGRESS WILL BE ENGLISH.

VISUAL EQUIPMENT

MEETING HALLS WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH DATA VIDEO PROJECTORS FOR THE SPEAKERS' NEEDS.

EXHIBITION

AN EXHIBITION OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND REAGENTS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE MEETING.

CLIMATE

BUDVA ENJOYS TYPICAL MEDITERRANEAN CLIMATE, WITH MILD AND WET WINTERS AND HOT AND DRY SUMMERS. THE WEATHER IS USUALLY WARM WITH AVERAGE TEMPERATURE BETWEEN 20 °C AND 25 °C IN THE END OF SEPTEMBER.



ACCOMODATION

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CONGRESS TRAVEL**

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	SINGLE ROOM BED/BREAKFAST	DOUBLE ROOM BED/BREAKFAST	LOCAL TAX AND INSURANCE
HOTEL AVALA**** , BUDVA	€89.00	€69.00	€1.30
HOTEL MEDITERAN**** , BEČIĆI	€64.00	€49.00	€1.30
HOTEL TARA**** , BEČIĆI	€49.00	€39.00	€1.30
HOTEL MOGREN*** , BUDVA	€62.00	€40.00	€1.30
HOTEL SLOVENSKA PLAŽA*** , BUDVA	€35.00	€29.00	€1.30

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SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT 21ST BCLF MEETING



**BCLF 2013
BUDVA**

HOW TO GET TO BUDVA

TIVAT AIRPORT IS LOCATED ABOUT 20 KM FROM BUDVA.

PODGORICA AIRPORT IS LOCATED ABOUT 60 KM FROM BUDVA.

DUBROVNIK AIRPORT IS LOCATED ABOUT 90 KM FROM BUDVA.

SHUTTLE SERVICE FROM AIRPORTS IS AVAILABLE FOR CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS AT A SPECIAL RATE UPON THEIR REQUEST.



THERE IS KIND OF BEAUTY ONE CAN NEVER GET ENOUGH OF. IT RELAXES YOU, MAKES YOU FEEL AT PEACE, ATTRACTS AND ENCHANTS YOU.

EXOTIC SCENERIES ARE NOT NECESSARILY FAR AND INACCESSIBLE. IN THE HEART OF THE ADRIATIC COAST OF MONTENEGRO THERE IS A TOWN CALLED BUDVA WAITING FOR YOU AND A HOLIDAY OF YOUR DREAMS MAY COME TRUE.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TO DECIDE AND THERE ARE AS MANY AS 35 BEAUTIFUL SANDY BEACHES (8 BEACHES ARE MARKED WITH BLUE FLAGS – A PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR QUALITY AND HIGH STANDARDS OF SERVICE AT THE BEACHES). THERE ARE THE CLEAN AND SAFE SEA AND BEACHES ALONG WHICH YOU CAN SWIM AS LONG AS YOU FEEL LIKE IT. THE DAY- AND NIGHT-LIFE OFFERS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES TO ENJOY THEATRE PLAYS AND PERFORMANCES, MUSIC EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES.

TO UNDERSTAND AND TO GET TO KNOW THE LOCAL PEOPLE – PASTROVICES, MAINS, GRBLJANS AND OTHERS – AND THEIR CULTURE BETTER, YOU ARE WELCOME TO TRY TRADITIONAL CUISINE IN A WARM AND HOSPITABLE ENVIRONMENT. A VISIT TO THE WALLS OF THE OLD TOWN OF BUDVA IS A MUST. YOU WILL EXPERIENCE THE ANCIENT SPIRIT AND CHARM OF THE RENAISSANCE PERIOD IN BUDVA.

BUDVA HAS A TYPICAL MEDITERRANEAN CLIMATE, WITH WARM SUMMERS AND MILD WINTERS, AND 97 SUNNY DAYS IN A YEAR. BUDVA COMES AMONG THE WARMEST MEDITERRANEAN TOWNS WITH AN AVERAGE TEMPERATURE OF 8°C IN JANUARY AND 23,9°C IN JULY.

BOKA KOTORSKA IS A UNIQUE BAY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. IT IS AN EXCEPTIONAL CULTURAL LANDSCAPE CREATED THROUGH THE HARMONIOUS SYMBIOSIS OF NATURAL PHENOMENA AND MAN-MADE HERITAGE. THE EXCEPTIONALLY FAVORABLE AND SPECIFIC NATURAL AND CLIMATIC CONDITIONS OF THE BAY WERE DECISIVE FACTORS FOR THE EARLY SETTLING OF THE AREA. THIS LED TO THE FORMATION OF TOWNS AND SETTLEMENTS IN A DISTINCTIVE WAY, CREATING A UNIQUE HARMONY OF THE WORKS OF NATURE AND HUMAN SPIRIT.

SINCE 1997, THE BAY OF BOKA KOTORSKA HAS BEEN A PART OF THE ASSOCIATION OF TWENTY-FIVE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BAYS IN THE WORLD.

SITUATED IN ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BAYS IN THE WORLD, KOTOR, THE TOWN OF TRADERS AND FAMOUS SEAMEN, HAS A LOT TO TELL. THE OLD TOWN OF KOTOR IS THE BEST-PRESERVED URBAN CENTRE FROM THE MIDDLE AGES, TYPICAL FOR THE TOWNS THAT WERE CREATED IN THE 12TH AND 14TH CENTURIES. THE MEDIEVAL ARCHITECTURE AND NUMEROUS MONUMENTS OF THIS CULTURAL HERITAGE HAVE PUT KOTOR ON THE UNESCO LIST OF THE "WORLD NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE SITES". THROUGHOUT THE CITY THERE ARE STRUCTURES, INTERWOVEN BY STREETS AND SQUARES. THE OLD NARROW STREETS, ROMANTIC BARS AND RESTAURANTS, SMALL SHOPS, ANTIQUE MONUMENTS, CHURCHES AND PICTURESQUE BUILDINGS, CARNIVALS AND FEASTS ORGANISED EACH YEAR GIVE AN ADDITIONAL CHARM TO THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CITY ON THE MONTENEGRIN COAST. FROM 1420 TO 1797 KOTOR WAS PART OF VENICE AND ITS ARCHITECTURAL INFLUENCE CAN BE SEEN ON THE CITY'S ARCHITECTURE. KOTOR IS ONE OF THE BEST-PRESERVED ANCIENT CITIES AND FORTRESSES IN THE ADRIATIC SEA. ITS WALLS, BUILT THROUGH CENTURIES, ARE APPROXIMATELY 4.5 KM LONG. AT 260M ABOVE SEA LEVEL IS THE TOP OF THE WALLS, THE SAN GIOVANNI FORTRESS. ST ANNE'S CHURCH, THE ROMANESQUE CHURCH DATES FROM THE END OF THE XII CENTURY AND HAS FRESCOS DATING BACK FROM XV CENTURY. THERE ARE THE OTHER OLD CHURCHES AS ST. LUKE, ST. TRYPHON, ST. NICHOLAS, OLD TOWN THEATER CALLED NAPOLEON'S, THE MARITIME MUSEUM AND NUMEROUS PALACES BLENDING OF DIFFERENT, ESPECIALLY ROMANESQUE AND BAROQUE STYLES.



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